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Sir:

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English translations or English Abstracts of some of the non-English documents are enclosed. A copy of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application is also enclosed.

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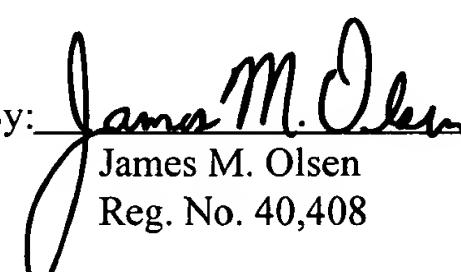
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